

THEME 1 MUSIC READING SKILL (NOTIFIER)

A. Read the dialogue and answer the questions

Ryan : It's going to be a great trip. I really can't wait!

Dad : Me neither. Have you packed your suitcase, Ryan? You know, we are hitting the road before the sunrise.

Ryan : Already, Dad. A long drive, isn't it?

Dad : Yeah, about seven hours.

Ryan : Why don't we decide on the music list then? For the drive, I mean.

Mom : That's a good idea. If you ask me, jazz will be nice. I love it, you know. The tunes are relaxing.

Ryan : Jazz? Come on! No way, Mom. It's dull. I like rock more than jazz. The drums, electric instruments, all make you feel energetic. We need energy for the journey.

Dad : Mmm, I like jazz, but I'm not a big fan of rock. It's raucous.

Mom : That's so true. How about blues or country?

Dad : I'd rather listen to country than blues. Both have song lyrics with similar themes, but they differ in rhythm, harmony, and instrumentation.

Ryan : I'm afraid we can't reach an agreement this way, can we?

Mom : I tend to agree with you at this point, Ryan. We all have different music choices. One's meat is another's poison.

Dad : That's right. Then, we should listen to the radio. Whatever comes should be OK. We'll see the lucky one. Any objections?

Ryan : Deal, Dad.

Mom : Now that we have figured things out, it's dessert time!

1. Why does Ryan's mother love jazz music?

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2. In what way are blues and country different according to Ryan's father?

_____ .

3. Why does Ryan's mother think they cannot reach an agreement?

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4. What solution does Ryan's father suggest?

_____ .

B. Read the text and answer the questions.

Before a song comes out, there is a lot of effort behind; technical work, studio work, agreements, arrangements, etc. Indeed, things start with lyrics. A song writer, a poet or any writer may make up the lyrics. True stories may be the inspiration for a poem or song lyrics, as well. It may be a deep suffering, a love story, moments of happiness, a memorable episode or a nation's tragedy that lies behind.

Some of the compositions that led Elvis to the incredible fame came out after his sorrows. The well-known Turkish folk song Ormancı (The Forest Guard) is based on a true story that took place in an Anatolian village. When two young men lost their lives in a dispute, a sentimental man put his feelings down into words and later, his work was composed. İstiklal Marşı, Turkish National Anthem has an unprecedented heroic story behind. Mehmet Akif's quote, after refusing to get the winner's award, tells us how much a nation had suffered before they became the subject to this composition: "May Allah protect this nation from having to write another national anthem."

1. What may be behind a song? _____

2. How did the folk song Ormancı come out? _____

3. What does Mehmet Akif's quote tell about İstiklal Marşı? _____